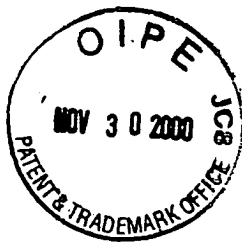


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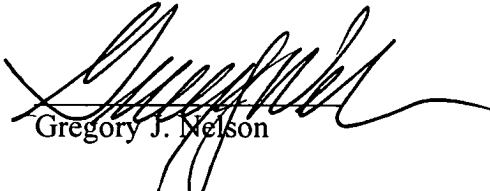


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Title: A FREE DRAINING DOUBLE  
DIAPHRAGM STEPPER MOTOR  
ACTUATED PLASTIC THROTTLING  
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RESPONSE

BOX RESPONSES NO FEE  
Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Actions dated September 28, 2000, and November 3, 2000.

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In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect the invention of  
Group I. (Claims 1 - 3)

The named inventors are the joint inventors of at least one of the elected claims.

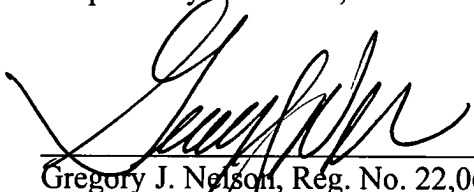
The petition fee in the amount of \$55.00 accompanies this response extending the  
5 response time to the Office Action dated September 28, 2000, to November 28, 2000.

A Power of Attorney in favor of the undersigned also accompanies this response.  
Please direct all further correspondence to the attorney of record at the address indicated.

A favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: Nov. 27, 2000

  
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